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Chips and Shavings.

Three months without congress. Oh, joy!

Dr. Wiley seems to be highly appreciated for the enemies he has made.

Little do those weather-beaten straw hats realize what is coming to them.

Aviator Atwood wonders why anyone ever yearned for seven league boots.

It may well be admitted that "lynch law" recognizes no geographical boundaries.

A house divided against itself cannot stand, but an oil trust divided can still pay heavy dividends.

Judge Taft has the courage to hand down a dissenting opinion whenever he feels that way about it.

It will cost \$900,000 to raise the Maine when the job is completed. Maybe this will help us to remember.

Many congressmen are getting their index fingers ready to point with pride to their records in the extra session.

The man you see who bulges in so many places is a hay fever victim. The bulges are handkerchiefs in every pocket.

Boston has a variety of mosquito that sings but does not sting. Still, even the free concert business may be overdone.

If the president's veto of that free wool bill cuts us out of a cheap suit for winter, we're going to vote for a suffragette in 1912.

The fact that the governors of twenty-three states favor uniform divorce laws may result in putting divorce in a straight jacket.

Woodrow Wilson says he is two kinds of a democrat. Some other democrats have him beaten in that respect two or three score.

After those democrats in congress have been in office a year, they will not be so anxious to prolong an extraordinary session.

To defeat reciprocity, the Canadian conservatives will have to gain 26 of the 133 seats held by the liberals in the next parliament.

It is only once in a while that actors can secure as much advertising out of getting married as they can out of getting divorced.

It's pretty safe to wager that the man who boasts that he come back from his vacation with twenty or thirty dollars in his pocket never went.

The census of boy babies in Georgia that have been named "Hoke Smith" has now reached 401. Of course, the kids can't help it.

Chicago's postal bank leads all others in the amount of its deposits, possibly because money is not very safe in some parts of Chicago.

Champ Clark is sure that the democrats will come back in 1912. Still, it might be a good plan for him to take out accident insurance on his sureness.

It begins to look as if the president would have to plow up the agricultural department, harrow it thoroughly and adopt a new system of cultivation.

Congress having adjourned, Champ Clark came back to Missouri to discover whether his presidential boom had pawed down the fences and broken over into any of the neighboring states.

Hadley Will Work for Missouri

Special Correspondence.

JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 4.—In these days of quick action and consequent progress no state government can be administered on an easy going plan and produce results satisfactory to the people. There must be purpose, system, hard work and close attention to details. A public office can no longer be regarded as a private snap by a man who wants to achieve anything creditable to himself or to the government he represents. The man who holds one office as a place of advantage from which to seek another and a higher public position cannot freely cope with conditions that may arise to hinder good public service. That official who gives his time, thought and energies to the public position he holds needs not to worry about his future in the public service, or in politics. The people do not overlook officials of that kind.

Governor Hadley entered the public service reluctantly when he was elected attorney general in 1904. Had he felt sure of election he would have declined nomination, but when elected he cast aside all things else and made the office of attorney general exceedingly useful to the people—and made an enviable official record. His notable achievements as attorney general made him the inevitable candidate of his party for governor. He preferred a return to private life, but when he was made the republican nominee for governor he determined to win the race. When he became governor he determined to render the best possible service to the people in that high position to the end of his term. To that purpose he has steadfastly adhered, and he will continue to serve the people, without reference to his political future, till his successor is elected and inaugurated.

The frequent use of his name as a probable candidate for vice-president, and Governor Hadley to say to his friends that he cannot approve any effort to put him in the position of a candidate for that office, or the use of his name in connection with any other office while he is governor of Missouri. He really would not care to be elected vice-president if the people desired it. He is the first republican governor elected in Missouri in forty years and his present ambition is to demonstrate to the last hour of his administration the wisdom of the people who elected him. Of course he could not decline the nomination of his party for president, but to that he has not given serious thought. He has well-defined plans for the remaining sixteen months of his term and proposes to make that period as productive of public good as may be possible, despite every obstacle that may be placed in his way by crafty politicians.

The cost of growing an acre of corn in Missouri, according to figures compiled by George B. Ellis, former secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and now editor of the Farmer and Breeder, is \$12.26 an acre. The cost is divided thus: For plowing and previous preparation of the soil, \$1.52; preparing land after plowing, \$0.66; improved quality of seed, \$0.37; planting \$0.33; cultivating, \$2.26; cash rental of land, \$5.

Last week our citizens met in a mass meeting and decided to hold a two day street fair. The dates set are Sept. 29 and 30. Committees have been appointed to solicit premiums and money to push the enterprise with and will meet again next Saturday to complete the program.—Purdin Enterprise.

Short Course for Girls

While adhering rigidly to the highest educational standards in its collegiate courses, the Missouri College of Agriculture has constantly extended its field of endeavor so as to reach the masses of the people by providing courses of instruction for all men and women interested in the work of the farm and the home. In addition to the regular four year courses in agriculture and home economics in which over 400 students were enrolled last year, there has been provided the two-year winter course in agriculture comprising two winters of fourteen weeks each open to any one over 16 years of age, the farmers' short course, a course for older men who have not the time to take the two-year winter course and a boys' short course held in conjunction with the farmers' short course, arranged especially for boys under 16 years of age. Last year there were 304 students in the two-year winter course, 1300 in the farmers' short course and 35 in the boys' short course. In all 2000 persons received instruction in the college of agriculture during the year.

A new course is now being planned for the coming winter; a short course for girls. This course will comprise a single term of eight weeks, beginning January 3, 1912. There will be no entrance requirements of any kind. The schedule of studies will include sewing, preparation of foods, hygiene and sanitation, home care of the sick and laundry work.

The university has provided commodious quarters for the department of home economics and every facility will be given for securing the largest possible amount of practical instruction in these important subjects in the period of eight weeks.

Fighting Hog Cholera

From almost every county of Missouri there have come to the agricultural college during the past three months appeals for help to check the ravages of hog cholera. At the present time Franklin, Caldwell and Ray counties are centers of infection and every effort is being put forth to prevent the further spread of the disease in these sections. The veterinary department has been taxed to its utmost capacity to supply serum as fast as the calls have come but with its present equipment this has not been possible.

Over 54,000 doses have been sent out from the serum laboratory at Columbia during the first eight months of 1911. Fifteen thousand hogs have been inoculated for the prevention of cholera during the month of August alone. Four men are now in the field where the disease is most deadly, applying the serum treatment and advising other preventive measures.

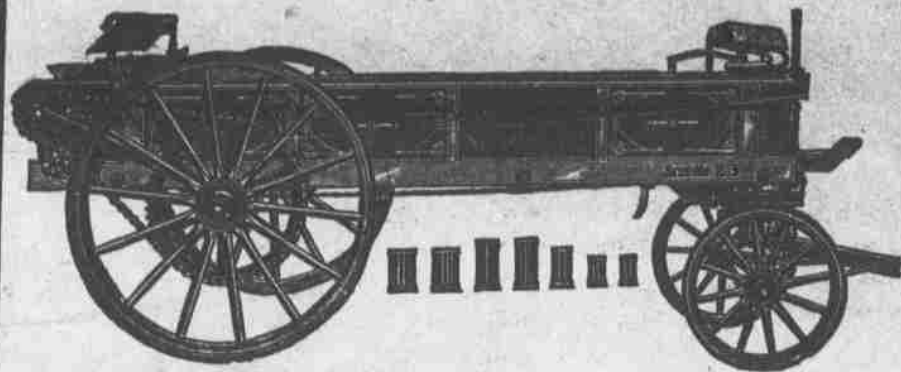
Last winter the legislature of Missouri appropriated \$25,000 to aid the work of the veterinary department in fighting hog cholera. To say that double this sum is being saved to the farmers of Missouri every month of the year as a result of this original investment of \$25,000 is an entirely conservative statement.

Dr. Wiley's enemies might blame him for Admiral Togo's illness, too.

President Taft's plan to make 200 speeches during his trip to the Pacific coast reminds us of what the number might have been if William Jennings Bryan had been elected.

President Taft has been a judge and he doubtless knows what he is talking about when he says it will be impossible for judges to be independent and yet afraid of the politicians at the same time.

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